(c) whether there is a chance of earning more profit on the basis of this procurement procedure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Projects to reduce pollution in Ganga and Yamuna

2311. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in the projects to reduce pollution in the Ganga and the Yamuna;

(b) what is the time frame for the completion of these projects; and

(c) how much provision has been made in the next Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Ganga Action Plan Phase—I (GAP-I) was the first attempt by the Ministry for taking up the works of pollution abatement of the river Ganga in the year 1985. Under this Plan, 259 projects have been completed covering 25 towns in the three states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar & West Bengal leading to the creation of 865 million litres per day (mld) of additional sewage treatment capacity at a cost of Rs. 452 crores. The GAP I was declared completed in March, 2000. Since GAP-I did not cover the pollution load of Ganga fully, GAP Phase II, which included Plans for its tributaries also, was approved in stages from 1993 onwards. Under GAP Phase II, for river Ganga excluding its tributaries, against an approved cost of Rs. 615 crore, an amount of Rs. 246.16 crore has been released to the implementing agencies of the State Governments and out of a total of 267 sanctioned schemes, 80 schemes of pollution abatement of the river have already been completed under this phase.

As regards the river Yamuna, Yamuna Action Plan Phase-I (YAP-I) was launched to take up the pollution abatement works in the State of

Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Haryana in April, 1993 as a component of Ganga Action Plan Phase-ll. Under this Plan, a total of 256 schemes of pollution abatement have been completed leading to the creation of additional sewage treatment capacity of 750 mld at a total cost of Rs. 678 crores. The Plan has been declared completed in February 2003. YAP Phase-ll was launched in December, 2004 with a schedule of completion by September 2008 at an approved cost of Rs. 624 crores.

The exercise for formulation of the next Five Year Plan has already been initiated for finalization of the provision for pollution abatement works under the National River Conservation Plan.

Yamuna Action Plan

2312. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Yamuna Action Plan has been undertaken under the National River Conservation Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the works done, so far, and targets so far current year and next year; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the works are completed as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase- l was started by this Ministry in April, 1993 in the three States of Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Haryana with support for funding from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and was completed in February, 2003. The total expenditure incurred on the project was Rs. 678 crores. A total of 256 schemes of pollution abatement of the river were completed under the Plan leading to installation of sewage treatment plants with a total capacity of 750 million litres per day (mld).

The JBIC has also committed financial assistance for implementation of the YAP Phase-ll through this Ministry, the works of which have commenced in December, 2004. The project was approved for the three